

TOPEKA is not only the operating, but the executive headquarters of the Santa Fe railway today.

HOME EDITION

RIPLEY ADMITS SANTA FE'S EYES ARE ON ST. LOUIS

Dream of Cyrus K. Holliday About To Be Realized.

Negotiations for Route Into Metropolis of Missouri.

BUILD NEW BUILDING HERE

Old Santa Fe Office Structure To Be Torn Down.

Final Approval, Too, of Three Stories on New Structure.

INSPECTION OF SHOPS, OFFICES

Officials of Road Go Thru Topeka Property Today.

Four Directors of Railway Re-Elected at Meeting.

PRIVATE TRAIN OF EXECUTIVES

Annual Session of Stockholders of Santa Fe Railway.

Three-Fourths of Road's Entire Stock Represented Here.

"The Santa Fe railroad was then in its infancy. Half a dozen men, with Col. Cyrus K. Holliday at the head, were bending every energy to put it on its feet. Col. Holliday went to Washington time after time to secure land grants in aid of the road. Congressmen snubbed him and ridiculed his projects. He was told that the railroads of J. G. Wood, veteran Topeka newspaper man.

Negotiations which, if they are successful, will materialize the dream of Cyrus K. Holliday, one of the founders of this city and the Santa Fe, are under way. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, in Topeka today to attend the annual stockholders' meeting of the road, said that negotiations for a route into St. Louis are being made. However, he asserted the plans had not outgrown the negotiation stage and stated he could not officially say whether or not the line would be built. Reports that the Santa Fe has been negotiating with the Burlington for a route into St. Louis, leaving the Chicago-Kansas City line at Carrollton, Mo., and running direct to the former city, have been current in sections of the road, said that negotiations for a route into St. Louis are being made. However, he asserted the plans had not outgrown the negotiation stage and stated he could not officially say whether or not the line would be built. Reports that the Santa Fe has been negotiating with the Burlington for a route into St. Louis, leaving the Chicago-Kansas City line at Carrollton, Mo., and running direct to the former city, have been current in sections of the road, said that negotiations for a route into St. Louis are being made. However, he asserted the plans had not outgrown the negotiation stage and stated he could not officially say whether or not the line would be built.

The Ripley Party. President Ripley and his party from the station Mr. Ripley arrived at 11 o'clock this morning on a special train. They were met at Kansas City by Fred C. Fox, general manager of the eastern line, and at St. Louis by Mr. E. J. Engle, assistant president. At the station in Topeka they were met by E. L. Copeland, treasurer of the road. In Mr. Ripley's party were E. J. Engle, assistant president; A. C. Jones, director of the road from Merriam, Kan.; Ford Harvey, a heavy stockholder and head of the Harvey estate; and C. C. Cleveland and Howell Jones, directors, are also attending the meeting here today.

Stepping from his car as the train drew into the station Mr. Ripley asserted his intentions of walking uptown to the general offices. He did. To the officials and others of the party with him he betrayed much interest in the recent improvements along the streets.

Speaking of the three additional stories which will be added to the building in the State Journal the Santa Fe will add to its new general office building here, Mr. Ripley said that the addition to the building for the expansion of the departments here. He said he did not know of any plan to move departments here.

New Building. Mr. Ripley said the old building would in time have to be torn down and replaced with a new structure. "It is getting old," he said.

"Can you say approximately when the old building will be replaced?" he was asked.

"No, there is nothing definite only that it will be done eventually."

"One, two, three or four years?"

"No, it hasn't been decided when, but in the meantime we must have more room here and other work than the three new stories on the new building."

Mr. Ripley denied reports that the Santa Fe has immediate plans to build a locomotive works here in connection with the big headquarters shops. He inferred it is cheaper to have the locomotives built in other works than for the road to build them itself.

Speaking of the Adamson law the Santa Fe executive described it by

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UNKNOWN MAN TO BE FATHER OF UNBORN CHILD?

New Feature in Startling Case of Mary Adams.

A Friend Offers to Marry Girl and Bring Peace.

FAMILIES MUST DECLARE TRUCE

William Woods, "Good Fellow," Says He Is Willing.

Court to Wait on the Assault and Battery Charge.

Just to show that he's a good fellow and doesn't mind a little thing like that, William Woods today offered to sue 16-year-old Mary Adams and assume responsibility for an unborn child, providing that by that act he could square everything up between the Adams and Reed families. He offered his good services to Hugh MacFarland, probate judge. The acceptance of the offer is hanging fire.

Mary Adams is the girl whose father, accompanied by Repps Read, father of 16-year-old Eugene Read, attempted to conduct a wedding between Mary and Eugene Tuesday night at the office of J. P. Williams, justice of the peace in Oakland.

The personally conducted wedding tour from North Topeka to Oakland, hastened by a gun in the hands of either the elder Adams or the elder Read, was a fizzle. "Gene Read balked," he declared. It would take more money than the banks of Topeka held to make him willing to wed Mary Adams. The only tangible result of the wedding trip was the issuance of a complaint against the elder Read sworn to by Eugene Read, his son, charging him with assault and battery.

Young Read shocked county officials with his story when he declared that his father, Repps Read, is responsible for the condition of little Mary Adams and that the father was trying to shoulder the blame onto him.

License Is Revoked. Following this charge the Read and Adams families were taken into the probate court Wednesday afternoon. The first official act of Hugh MacFarland, probate judge, was to revoke the license which had been issued for Eugene Read and Mary Adams. Adams was told to bring it to the court house and when he failed to produce it Judge MacFarland told him to let no grass grow under his feet while he was going back to North Topeka after it.

Because of the Vetter-Curran case in the district court the county attorney's force has been unable to make any further investigation into the charges made by young Eugene Read against his father. The matter will be taken up immediately after the Vetter case is concluded. Officials have been sitting tight and were wholly unprepared for the visit of the mysterious Woods today.

Woods didn't seem to know much about the Adams or the Read families but he was willing to take a chance. "If it will settle all this trouble," he said, "I'll make the girl."

Willing to Help. "No," he said, in reply to a question, "I have had nothing to do with the girl and am not responsible for her condition but if it will help any and let everybody out of trouble I'll marry her."

Woods declared that he was not even in Topeka during the early spring and summer when the alleged Mary Adams got into trouble. He was working at Eskridge early in the summer and then went to Wamego. Now he is working in North Topeka.

It was not possible to tell Woods today whether his marriage to the girl would end the trouble. The matter will be done until the hearing of the assault and battery charge brought against Repps Read by his son. Officials believe things may shed some light on the whole situation.

The prospect of the capture is not apparent to either the self-sacrificing Woods. He said he'd be back again and "how things come out."

Woods is apparently about 30 years of age and said he had been married once.

WICHITA BREAD BURNS

Bakers Make Three Size Loaves—Smallest Is 7 Cents.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 26.—Bread here can no longer be bought for 5 cents a loaf, the bakers have announced their intention to induce the public to abandon all but the 10-cent loaf. The old nickel loaf will be made three sizes, the high corner loaf, upon which is responsible for the desire to "ditch" the small loaf, the bakers point out, as a 10-cent loaf will be wrapped at less cost than two fives.

CHILD DIES FROM SPUR STAB OF VICIOUS COCK

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 26.—Audrey Smith, 2-year-old child of Mrs. R. E. Smith of Hymers, died in a hospital here from an injury caused when a rooster sent a spur into the child's head, penetrating the skull. The mother heard the child's cry when the rooster attacked her daughter and is having difficulty in driving off the fowl.

SCORE CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES; HOSPITAL BURNS

Escape Cut Off, Many Jumped to Stone Pavement.

Twenty-Five Who Survived Are Badly Crippled.

318 INMATES, ALL ASLEEP

Believe Probe Will Reveal Defective Fire Escapes.

27 Dead, Many Missing; Loss Estimated \$250,000.

Farnham, Que., Oct. 26.—At 1 o'clock today it was reported that at least twenty-seven lives had been lost in the fire which destroyed the Roman Catholic hospital at St. Elizabeth Hall and scattered during the night. Twenty-five persons were injured, jumping from the upper stories, about a dozen of them seriously. The fact that survivors are scattered in homes all over the town makes the work of compiling a list of the missing difficult.

When the fire broke out there were 318 persons in the building, the majority of whom were children. Heretofore work on the fire escapes and citizens saved many of them. The loss is estimated at \$250,000 with \$20,000 insurance.

Farnham, Que., Oct. 26.—Five children are known to be dead and fifteen others are missing and believed to have lost their lives as the result of a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth hospital and laundry during the night. Scores of children were injured by jumping from windows. Three hundred fifty inmates were asleep in the building when the fire broke out and many of these are unaccounted for.

Several other dwellings adjacent were badly damaged by water and smoke. About 25 children are lying injured thru jumping to the stone pavement from the third story windows.

Fire Escapes Inadequate. Startling revelations are promised when an investigation is begun, for the fire escapes are said to have always proved defective in emergencies and attributed to the fact that these avenues of escape were quickly blocked.

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T. R. IS FOR IT

Declares for Woman's Vote in Chicago Today.

Stockyards Speech in Wilson's Wake Tonight.

Follow Up Verdun Victory for a Clean Sweep.

Paris, Oct. 26.—The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday, according to the latest information have closed in to within less than 500 yards of Vaux fort. Announcements of the capture of the town are expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on February 25. The German forces at Verdun are retreating slowly and with such apparent lack of strength that, in the opinion of the French military men, they no longer possess a general reserve but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section in case of need.

Reports of the casualties which are now in hand show the French losses were very light indeed, considerably less than the capture of the town and a large proportion was of cases in which the men were slightly wounded. Considerable war material was captured. The German forces, under the command of General Mangin, led the attacking divisions, were captured by the French and taken by General Joffre for promotion on account of their technical ability, energy and initiative.

FINAL GRAB FOR VOTE

Democrats Rush Coterie of 250 Speakers for Chicago's Labor Support.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—In the big final grab for the labor vote both national campaign headquarters here are planning dozens of meetings for factories and street corners. The Democrats will be pushed with the aid of 250 stump speakers under the direction of John J. Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago labor federation.

BRIDE GOES WITH HIM

James Walton on Way Back to Answer for \$30,000 Detroit Holdup.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 26.—James Walton, confessed bandit, is on his way back to Detroit, Mich., today to stand trial for participation in the \$30,000 holdup of the Burroughs Adding Machine company pay truck in that city last August. He is in the custody of two Detroit detectives and is accompanied by his wife. The party is due in Detroit about noon.

TOPEKA'S GUEST TODAY



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PEOPLE'S FRIEND

New Argentine President Buys Food for Poor.

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4,000-TON SHIP DOWN

British Vessel Sidmouth Sunk—Crew Safely Landed.

London, Oct. 26.—The British steamship Sidmouth has been sunk and the crew has safely landed, reports Lloyd's shipping agency.

The Sidmouth sailed from Cardiff, was built in 1903 of 4,045 tons gross and belonged to Anning Brothers of Stockton. She was reported as arriving at Spezia, Italy, from Cardiff on September 11.

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Also All Officers When British Mine Sweeper Is Torpedoed.

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BRUTAL CONDUCT OF HUSBAND HER MURDER DEFENSE

Sordid Story Told on Witness Stand by Widow.

Lays Bare Her Soul Seeking Jury's Sympathy.

UNWELCOME EMBRACE FATAL

Admits Shooting Him Down as He Entered Bedroom.

Mother of Six Unfolds Details of Shattered Romance.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 26.—Flushing deeply and with eyes downcast to escape the stares of a curious courtroom crowd, Margaret Beutinger today told in dramatic fashion why she shot and killed her husband, Christopher Beutinger, a wealthy coal broker, after he had forced his way into her bedroom.

"He was a most brutal man when amorous," she testified. "From the time I married him until the night I shot him, he continually made demands upon me that were impossible for me to fulfill. When I refused he would threaten to kill me."

The jurors cast sympathetic glances at the pretty little woman in the witness box as she continued her story.

Weighted 280 Pounds. "He was built like Jack Johnson," she continued. "He was a huge man physically. He weighed about 280 pounds and of course I was afraid of him."

Frequently Mrs. Beutinger paused in her recital to send a reassuring smile to her five little children, the white haired little Billy Beutinger, chewing gum vigorously, and his pretty little sisters, grouped about her sister, Mrs. Beutinger, a few feet from the witness chair.

Prompted by Attorney McCarter, the woman on trial for her life gave back to the jury a story of a life full of horror from the time when she left her home on the island of Jamaica to marry Beutinger, then a quartermaster's clerk in the war department at Washington.

"He beat me when we were in Washington," she said. "En route to the Philippines we stopped in Chicago. He made me get out of bed one night because my physical condition made it impossible for me to yield to him."

Government Contractor. "In the Philippines he was very nasty. He gambled and drank. Once to protect myself, I threatened to expose him. He was making money on government contracts. His reply then was, 'I'll kill you.'"

"When I had my first baby in the Philippines, he ordered me away. I was so happy that I went to Hong Kong to live with a missionary's family. Then I went to San Francisco, but when my funds ran out I went back to the Philippines. For a time we lived in Jamaica, then back to the Philippines, where he threatened me with a razor. Then we went to Atlanta and finally to Boston. Wherever he was with me he subjected me to horrible cruelties. In spite of these I remained to him for the sake of the children. When he became involved in difficulties I went to Washington and saw Secretary of War Garrison."

Before Gaping Court Room. Newark, N. J., Oct. 26.—Before a gaping courtroom, Mrs. Margaret Beutinger, young and beautiful, today

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LADY BOURBONS WILL BE NICE TO HUGHES WOMEN

No Hair Pulling at Arrival of Train Tomorrow.

Real "Welcome to Our City" From the Democrats.

DELEGATION AT THE STATION

Reception Committee for the Hughes Adherents.

Well Known Women of Nation Will Be Here.

Hair pulling and eye scratching will play no part in the program of Democratic women in Topeka tomorrow, when the female celebrities from the east come to Topeka, in their special train, to talk national politics, for the purpose of aiding in the election of Charles Evans Hughes. Instead, the Democratic women declare their intention to be as nice as heart and as sweet as the surface as that of the Republican women who are preparing for proper entertainment of the noted suffragists.

A delegation from the Women's Wilson league and the Pocahontas club will meet the eastern women at the Rock Island depot and aid in escorting them to the city auditorium and to Washburn college. They expect to get the mayor's key to the city and turn it over to the visiting women and urge upon them to talk as much as possible.

"We want these rich women from the eastern states to come to Kansas and tell the whole story to vote," said a Democrat of the fair sex today. "You know they haven't even started to get suffrage in their states and yet come to Kansas and tell the women how to work politics and how to stand on national issues. There is nothing that will make the Democrats more votes than the view of these wealthy women from the east."

Prominent Democratic women who will act as a part of a reception committee for the Hughes adherents are Mrs. W. A. Harris of Lawrence, president Women's Wilson club; Mrs. E. Brittan, Mrs. W. S. Logan, president Pocahontas club; Mrs. M. L. Bishop, Dr. Lillian Malone and Grace Overmyer.

The Hughes special will arrive at the Rock Island station at 10:45 o'clock. A reception committee of Topeka women will meet the visitors and escort them in automobiles to the auditorium, where the reception celebration will be held, followed by a welcoming address probably by Mrs. W. A. Harris and Charles H. Sessions, state chairman of the Republican central committee. A number of selections will be rendered on the pipe organ by Mrs. Azra Clark. Speeches by the various members of the party will be given after 1 o'clock.

The principal speakers will be Mrs. Raymond Robins and Mary Antin. A few of the speakers will go to Washburn college and hold a short meeting during the chapel hour. At 1 o'clock the visitors will be taken to the First Methodist church, where dinner will be served.

TROOPS MAY STAY

Rumor That Second Regiment Will Stay at Fort.

At Least They May Not Be Mustered Out for Weeks.

FINE FALL WEATHER

Outlook Is for a Continuance Thruout the Week.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock.....42 11 o'clock.....56 1 o'clock.....58 3 o'clock.....58 5 o'clock.....50 7 o'clock.....64 9 o'clock.....53 11 o'clock.....70

The highest temperature in more than two weeks has occurred this afternoon when the mercury reached 70 degrees at 2 o'clock. Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal. The view is bluish at the rate of twelve miles an hour from the west.

Nothing is in sight now but fine fall weather with higher temperatures in the next few days. The wind is back in the southwest and last night temperatures were slightly below normal. The sky was entirely clear here today and reports from over Kansas show that the same brand of weather is in the next few days.

The lowest temperature this morning was 41 degrees at 6 o'clock. This

PAPER FAMINE OVER

Germany Solves Problem by Economy—Plenty on Hand Now.

Berlin, Oct. 26, via London.—The threatened paper famine, which has been a constant cry of distress among the publishers, appears now to be a thing of the past. Claiming a shortage of labor and high wages, the publishers have had the effect of prices since the outbreak of the war and the publishers several months ago reduced the number of pages to save expenses.

The government and other authorities also inaugurated a propaganda for the economical use of paper. All this apparently has had the effect of markedly reducing consumption and the manufacturers already feel it necessary to take steps to encourage consumption. The association of Saxon paper manufacturers has just issued a circular asking its members to observe a paper saving crusade.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.

TWO CENTS

GEORGE VILLA BANDITS ORDER PERSHING TO MARCH FROM MEXICO.

Now Operating Within 25 Miles of U. S. Outpost.

Carranza, Huerta, Madero Families Gather at San Antonio.

IT'S PUZZLE TO U. S. AGENTS

Growth of Banditry Menace to Mexico Restoration.